mills is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) if so, the time by when licences are likely to be issued ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) As per liberalised Industrial Policy, there is no restriction for setting up of new spinning mills subject to certain locational restrictions. However, the Central Government does not have any proposal to set up any spinning mills in the cooperative sector in Gujarat.

गुजरात में सूती धागे का निर्माण करने वाली सहकारी मिलें

1070. **श्री अमरसिंह देवशंकर दवे :** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात में सहकारी क्षेत्र में चल रही सूती धागे का निर्माण करने वाली कुल कितनी मिलें हैं ;

(ख) क्या इन मिलों को उपलब्ध कराये जा रहे कच्चे माल की आपूर्ति कम है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या कच्चा माल उपलब्ध न होने के कारण इनमें से कुछ मिलों ने कार्य करना बंद कर दिया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस समय ऐसी कुल कितनी रुग्ण मिलें हैं ; और

(ङ) इन मिलों को पुनः चालू करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जी० वेंकटस्वामी) : (क) 30-9-94 की स्थिति के अनुसार गुजरात राज्य में 5 सूती/मानव निर्मित फाइबर वस्त्र मिलें सहकारी क्षेत्र में थी ।

(ख) ऐसी कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

(ग) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

National Centre for Jute Diversification

1071. SHRI JIBON ROY
SHRI E. BALANANDAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have approved setting up of a National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD);

(b) if so, by when the said centre is likely to start functioning; and

(c) whether Govt. would coordinate its work with the Jute Manufacturers Association of India (JMAI) and the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Centre has already started some of its activities.

(c) One of the main objectives of NCJD is to act as a focal point for various jute and textiles bodies in areas of research & development.

Suspension of Cotton Supply to Mills by Ginners

1072. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Ginners in the Northern States have suspended the delivery of cotton to the mills;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what action government propose to take in the matter so as to check the rising trend of cotton prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) One of the mill organisations have informed about suspension of deliveries by Ginners in the Northern region. It appears that ginners are apprehensive of the loss because of difference in price.

(c) As far as delivery of cotton to mill by growers and traders etc. is concerned it is purely business transaction which is regulated as per trade practices. As regards steps taken to arrest the price rise, the government has reintroduced stock limits on cotton that may be held by Ginning & Pressing factories and persons including corporations federations but excluding cotton agriculturists so that stocking of cotton beyond prescribed limit does not take place and delivery of cotton to mills is normalisd. This is to prevent hoarding of cotton. Further in order to relieve the pressure on cotton, Govt. has allowed duty free import of 29,385 MTs of Viscose Staple Fibre. Also import of cotton has been placed under OGL with zero import duty.

Export of Handicrafts and Handloom Products

1073. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to increase the export of handicrafts and hand loom products during 1994-95;

(b) if so, the quantum of handicrafts and handloom products proposed to be exported during the above period;

(c) the details of the handicrafts and handloom products proposed to be exported;

(d) whether any item produced in Orissa is proposed to be exported; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total handicrafts and handloom products proposed to be exported during 1994-95 in value terms are as under:

Handicrafts inclndidg handknotted carpet.	Handloom/ fabrics/madeup etc.
Rs. 3870.00 crores	Rs. 1470.00 crores

(c) The handicrafts items proposed to be exported include: handknoted carpets (woollen/silken/staple), artmetalwares, wooden artwares, handprinted textiles and scarves, embroidered goods, shawls as artwares, zari and zari goods, immitation jewellery etc. The handloom items proposed to be exported are fabrics for dresses/furnishing, madeup items like table/bed/kitchen linen, floor coverings, towels, pillow covers, cushion covers etc.

(d) and (e): Yes, Sir. The handicrafts items produced and proposed to be exported from the State of Orissa are wood carvings, bell metal handprinted textiles, terracotta, applique work etc. The handloom items to be exported from the State of Orissa are tie and dye, furnishing, dress materials and madeups.

बी० आई० सी० मिल कानपुर का उत्पादन

1074. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बी० आई० सी० मिल, कानपुर के उत्पादन में कमी आ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इन्हें कार्यक्षम बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?